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In re application of:

HUTCHENS et al.

Application No.: 09/100,633

Filed: June 19, 1998

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 8, 1999 for 3 months, from March 8, 2000 to June 8, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

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